Data Source Documentation

Indicator	Hospitalizations from falls
Demographic Group	Wisconsin population
Numerator	Number of Wisconsin hospitalizations due to falls (one person may account for multiple admissions)
Denominator	Total Wisconsin population
Age Adjustment	Age-adjusted rates are used to compare relative risks among groups and over time; they represent relative indexes and are not actual measures of risk. Age-adjusted rates shown in the data tables were computed by applying age-specific rates in the population of interest to the 2000 U.S. standard population (i.e., the age distribution of the 2000 projected U.S. population).
Details about Data Item	Fall hospitalizations were selected by two criteria: 1. Principal diagnosis with the ICD-9 CM codes 880-886, 888, 957, 9681 or 987. 2. Any diagnosis (principal or up to 8 other diagnoses) with the ICD-9 CM codes 880-886, 888, 957, 9681 or 987. Race and Hispanic ethnicity are tabulated separately.
Reference Time Period	Calendar year discharges
Data Source	Inpatient Hospitalization Discharge file, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services; prepared from data collected by the Bureau of Health Information and Policy through September 30, 2003 and thereafter by the Wisconsin Hospital Association Information Center, Inc.